

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A table saw comprising:
a support structure; and
a guard assembly for guarding a blade on said table saw, said guard assembly including a hood assembly including a first side curtain, a second side curtain, and a quick release mechanism, said quick release mechanism coupled to said first and second side curtains and selectively engaged with said support structure to provide selective engagement between said support structure and said entire hood assembly, said quick release mechanism including a fixed tab, a push tab and a spring, said fixed tab and said push tab pivotally connected to a pivot pin, said push tab including a lock pin and said support structure including an aperture for receiving said lock pin, said lock pin being displaceable between engaged and disengaged positions, said lock pin coupling said guard assembly to said support structure when in said engaged position and said guard assembly being removable from said support structure when said lock pin is in said disengaged position, said spring urging said lock pin into engagement with said support structure.
2. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said support structure includes a riving knife.
3. – 4. (cancelled)
5. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said hood assembly further includes a locking mechanism adapted to selectively engage and secure said at least one of said first and second side curtains.
6. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 5, wherein said locking mechanism includes a screw and a wing nut.

7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 5, wherein said first and second side curtains are moveable in accordance with said engagement of said locking mechanism.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said first side curtain includes a first coupler, and said second side curtain includes a second coupler adapted to engage said first coupler thereby connecting said first and second side curtains.

11. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 10, wherein said first coupler includes a female snap-fit connector and said second coupler includes a male snap-fit connector adapted to selectively interconnect with the first coupler providing for codependent movement of said first and second side curtains.

12. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein each of said first and second side curtains are independently removable from said hood assembly.

13 – 47. (cancelled)